

## REMARKS

The last Office Action of October 11, 2005 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration of the instant application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9, 12-13 are pending in the application. Claim 10 has been canceled. No claim has been amended or added. No amendment to the specification has been made. No fee is due.

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over EP 0892254 A1 in view of U.S. Pat. No 5,185,117 to Hawley.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 1-9 and 12-13 are allowed.

Applicant has now canceled claim 10 so that the rejection of claim 10 becomes moot.

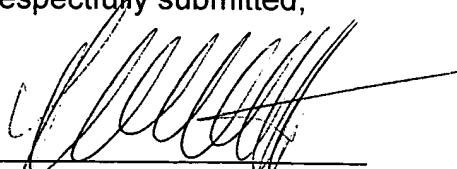
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate conditions for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

Applicant further submits a certified copy of the priority document under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d).

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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